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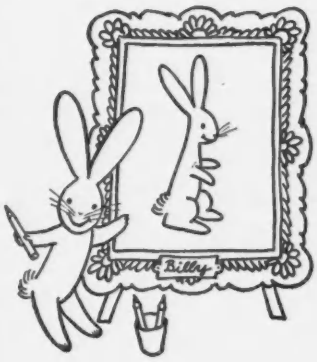

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Southwestern District Meeting

Place: Urbana, Ohio; Urbana Public Library

Date: Friday, April 18, 1952

9:00-10:00 A.M.—*Registration*

Urbana Public Library

10:00 A.M.—*General Session*

Urbana Public Library

Welcome ..... Mrs. George McConnell
President, Urbana Library Board

"Ohio Sesquicentennial Celebration" ..... Will H. Collins
Librarian, Columbus, Chairman of Library Committee of Ohio Sesquicentennial Celebration

"Amending Ohio's Constitution" ..... Edwin L. English
Urbana

Reports ..... Officers and Committees
Ohio Library Association
State Library, Discussion

12:30 P.M.—*Luncheon*

First Presbyterian Church

Invocation ..... Rev. Malcolm Hooker
Minister, First Presbyterian Church

Speaker ..... To be announced

2:00 P.M.—*Section Meetings*

Public Libraries Section ..... Chairman, Janet L. Hannaford
Dayton Public Library

"Bookmaking: Julia Gwynn and Little Squire Jim" ..... Robert K. Marshall
Professor, Ohio Wesleyan University

"McNaughton Plan for Fiction Rental Collection in Public Library"
Mrs. Mildred Turnbull
Librarian, Warder Public Library, Springfield

"The Wayne County Library Charging System" ..... Mrs. Catherine B. Kessler
Librarian, Tipp City

"The Demco Visible Charging and Registration System" ... Mrs. Madalyn Bradford
Supervisor of Adult Services, Hamilton

Children's and Schools' Section ..... Chairman, Julia F. Carter
Head, Children's Department, Cincinnati Public Library

College and University Section ..... Chairman, Mrs. Ilo Fisher
Librarian, Wittenberg College Library

Trustee Section ..... James H. Allen, Jr.
Chairman, Hardin County Library, Kenton

Exhibits

Chairman ..... Jacob Epstein, Cincinnati Public Library
Ohio Constitution
Ohio Sesquicentennial

Hostess ..... Miss Roberta Shand, Urban Public Library

Program Chairman ..... Miss Lena B. Nofcier, Lima Public Library

Eastern Central District Meeting

Place: Newark, Ohio, First Baptist Church, Granville and Fifth St.

Date: Friday, April 25, 1952

9:00-10:00 A.M.—*Registration*

Newark Public Library—Coffee to be served
Church and Fifth Street.

10:00 A.M.—*General Session*

First Baptist Church, Granville and Fifth Street.

Welcome ..... Max B. Norpell
President, Board of Trustees, Newark Public Library

"How Can the Library Sell Itself to the Community" ..... Panel Discussion
Come prepared to contribute to the discussion.
Send publicity samples to Mrs. Mary Pierce for display.
Moderator, David W. Griffith, Jefferson County Librarian, Steubenville
Janet Gregg, Librarian, Gallia County District Library, Gallipolis
Rose Horn, High School Librarian, Canton
John Rebenack, Librarian, Salem Public Library
Frank Jones, Librarian, Ohio University

Reports; Question-and-Answer Period ..... Walter Brahm
Mildred W. Sandoe
State Librarian, State Library Organizer

12:30 P.M.—*Luncheon*

First Baptist Church
Reports from O. L. A. and O. L. T. A.

2:00 P.M.—*Demonstration*

Places of Afternoon Meetings to be announced

"Mimeograph Methods and Uses" ..... Irene Burk
Librarian, Westerville Public Library

Visit Newark's new library: See exhibits

2:45 P.M.—*Section Meetings*

Trustee Section ..... Chairman, George W. Coen
State Library Board, Lancaster, Ohio

"Public Library Service to Industry" ..... Panel Discussion
Moderator, Jean Lewis, Reference Librarian, Columbus Public Library
William Fitzhugh, President, Diamond Power Specialty Corp., Lancaster
Herbert Cobey, President, Cobey Mfg. Co., Galion
L. F. Williams, Secretary, Cooper-Bessemer Corp., Mt. Vernon
James H. Waggoner, Libby-Owens-Ford Co., Newark

Children's and Schools' Section ..... Chairman, Merna J. Cox
Children's Librarian, Worthington Public Library

"Story-telling" ..... Eleanor Schweigert
Children's Librarian, Electra C. Doren Branch, Dayton Public Library

Joint Session of Public Libraries and Colleges and Universities Sections
Chairman, J. Herrold Lancaster
Director, Slocum Library, Ohio Wesleyan University

"Responsibility of a College Library for Community Service" ..... Panel Discussion
Members to be announced

Hostess ..... Mrs. Mary H. Pierce, Librarian, Newark Public Library
Program Chairman ..... Margaret E. Sahling, Librarian, Coshocton Public Library

Northeastern District Meeting

Place: Warren, Ohio; First Presbyterian Church

Date: Friday, May 2, 1952

9:00-10:00 A.M.—*Registration*

10:00 A.M.—*General Session*

First Presbyterian Church

Reports by the State Library ..... Walter Brahm
Mildred Sandoe
State Librarian, State Library Organizer

"What the Community Expects from the Library" ..... Judge Lynn B. Griffith
Vice President, Board of Trustees, Warren Public Library

11:00-12:15 A.M.

Experience-Sharing Workshops (Part I) ..... Leaders to be announced

Book Selection and Censorship ..... Chairman, R. Russell Munn
Librarian, Akron Public Library

Inter-Library Cooperation

Promotion of Adult and Group Work ..... Chairman, Mrs. Florence Craig
Cuyahoga County Public Library

Work with Children and Young People

12:30 P.M.—*Luncheon*

First Presbyterian Church $1.50
Reports from O. L. A. Officers and Committee Chairman

2:00-3:00 P.M.

Experience-Sharing Workshops (Part II) (Continuation of Part I)

3:00-3:30 P.M.

Reports from the Workshops

3:30 P.M.

Tea at the Warren Public Library

Hostess ..... Josephine Lytle, Librarian, Warren Public Library

Program Chairman ..... Meredith Bloss, Youngstown Public Library

Northwestern District Meeting

Place: Fremont, Ohio; Birchard Library

Date: Friday, May 9, 1952

9:00-10:00 A.M.—*Registration*

10:00 A.M.—*General Session*

Moose Temple

"The Library, the Press and Free Communication" ..... Harry Roberts
Head of Public Relations Department, Toledo Blade

11:15-12:00 P.M.—*State Library Reports*

12:30 P.M.—*Luncheon*

Moose Temple

2:30 P.M.—*Section Meetings*

Public Libraries Section ..... Chairman, Mary McCann
Sandusky Library Association

"Business Service in a Small Library" ..... Rose L. Vormelker
Head, Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library

"Technical Service in a Small Library" ..... Mildred Stewart
Head, Science and Technology, Cleveland Public Library

"A Second Look at Library Services" ..... Group Discussion

Children's and Schools' Section ..... Chairman, Eleanor Stevens
Children's Librarian, Oberlin Public Library
Birchard Public Library Assembly Room

"Uniquely Ours" Story Hour ..... Jeane De Muth
Bellevue Public Library

"Always Books" ..... Lillian Skeel
Columbus Public Library

Trustee Section ..... Chairman, Mrs. Karl B. Hoke
Rossford Public Library Board of Trustees

"How Good is Your Library? Are You Running a Horse and Buggy Library in a Motor Age That is Fast Becoming a Jet Propulsion Age?
Panel Discusion

Members: Eldren Layton, Fostoria; Mrs. Julian Harrison, Napoleon; Mrs. Homer Carpenter, Swanton; William Haynes, Fremont

Hostess ..... Mrs. Hallie Grimes, Birchard Library
Co-Program Chairman ..... Margaret Searley, Tiffin Public Library
Program Chairman ..... Mary McCann, Sandusky Association Library

Southeastern District Meeting

Place: Lake Hope, Ohio; Lake Hope Lodge

Date: Friday, May 16, 1952

9:30-10:00 A.M.—*Registration*

Corsages and boutonnieres for all!!

10:00 A.M.—*General Session*

Welcome ..... Theodore R. Boring
Auditor, Vinton County

"Controversial Materials in the Small Library" ..... Paul Bixler
Librarian, Antioch College
Chairman of O. L. A. Intellectual Freedom Committee

"Listening in on the Party Line" ..... Walter Brahm
Mildred W. Sandoe
State Librarian, State Library Organizer

12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.—*Luncheon* $1.50

Ernest I. Miller, *President of O. L. A.*
Robert J. Brown, *President of O. L. T. A.*
Mrs. Faith B. Stoughton, *Chairman of the Extension Committee*

Entertainment

2:15-4:00 P.M.—General Session

"Discussion Leader Training for Librarians" ..... Ida Goshkin
Field Consultant, A. L. A. American Heritage Project

Tentative Plans for College and University Section, Children's and Schools' Section
Hostess ..... Mrs. Evalan Hansal, Librarian, Logan Hocking County District Library
Program Chairman ..... A. Chapman Parsons, County Librarian, Martins Ferry

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On February 21 a preliminary meeting to consider phases of library training was called in Columbus by Mr. Walter Brahm, State Librarian. The State Library has been concerned over the inability of libraries, particularly the smaller systems, to secure library assistants.

As a point for discussion Mr. Brahm proposed an "apprentice school." This type of training was not presumed to replace existing schools but to supply a sub-professional worker who could handle many library details. It was suggested that the trainee spend nine months in a library receiving training on the job and three months in a school. The three-month education might be handled by the State Library, the Ohio Library Association, a library school or a separate corporation established for that purpose. The three months of education would be concentrated on reference, circulation, book selection, cataloging, and children's library work.

Present at the meeting were representatives of the State's two established library schools, Kent State and Western Reserve. They expressed themselves as wishing to assist in every way possible to supply the type of training librarians felt desirable. Naturally they preferred having it handled through established agencies.

At the conclusion of the meeting the group asked the President of the O. L. A. to appoint two committees. One committee, composed of librarians, is to consider and report on what grade of personnel was most needed and the type of training desired. A second committee, composed of representatives of agencies giving library training, is to consider what these agencies could do along the line of library "short courses."

Somewhat related to training is the subject of certification. Its consideration grows out of the question of how credit can be given for proposed apprentice courses and how some distinction can be made in years to come between the longer and more rigorous formal library school and the "apprentice school." An answer is, of course, a voluntary certification system sponsored and perhaps operated by the O. L. A.

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Last year the Executive Board agreed to underwrite the publication of a "Library Trustees Manual" then being prepared by a committee of the Ohio Library Trustees Association. The manual has now been issued and public librarians who have not secured copies of it for each of their trustees will wish to do so. It is a good piece of work and a credit to O. L. T. A. and incidentally, to O. L. A., the financial backer.

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In the February issue of the Bulletin the President implied that it would be dandy if sections would do things. The news that the Junior Members Section was holding an All-State meeting in Dayton on March 22 was, therefore, welcome news.

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With this issue Jayne Crittendon winds up her term of office as Editor of the Bulletin. Mr. Crittendon is leaving Cincinnati in April and, despite the prestige of the position of Editor of the Bulletin and my remonstrances, Jayne is going with her husband.

Being an editor of an association bulletin is a task that requires a good bit of time and the rewards are not always evident. Contributors are more often than not late in submitting copy. Patience and tact are required and Jayne has handled the job without, so far as I know, losing her temper. For the Executive Board and the Association I say, "Thank you, Jayne."

Beginning with the next issue Ruth Grimm has consented to take over the editorship. Miss Grimm is on the staff of the Reference Department of the Public Library of Cincinnati.

Ernest I. Miller
Cincinnati Public Library
President

Nominate Your Candidate

Ohio has a good chance to achieve more national attention than ever if librarians will just "sit down and write a letter" to the A. L. A. Committee on Awards. The committee wants letters of nomination of not more than 150 words giving supporting evidence on the nominee, who may be eligible for the Joseph W. Lippincott Award or for the Letter Awards.

The Joseph W. Lippincott Award of $500 will be given "for distinguished service in the profession of librarianship, such service to include outstanding participation in the activities of professional library associations; notable published professional writing; or rather significant activity on behalf of the profession and its aims."

The Letter Awards are for $100 each, and are given "to a librarian who, in the line of duty, contributes most to emphasize the human qualities of service in librarianship"; and "to a library for distinguished contribution to the development of enlightened public opinion on an issue of current or continuing importance."

Send your letters to A. L. A. Committee on Awards, Harriet I. Carter, Chairman, Extension Division, Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4, Indiana. You have only until April 15, 1952.

A New Program in Library Science at Kent State University

John B. Nicholson, Jr., Librarian and Director of the Department of Library Science, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, announces a curriculum in Library Science, providing for study on the undergraduate and graduate levels. The new program will offer Junior and Senior Library Science courses for all students. It is intended to integrate library education with the individual's field of specialization and also provide a background for advance library science study. A total of twenty-five quarter hours of library science will be offered in the undergraduate program leading to a B.A. degree in Education or Liberal Arts with a minor in Library Science. This program will qualify teacher-librarians to meet the North Central Association requirements for the State of Ohio. Undergraduate requirements in librarianship may be met by transfer of acceptable credits from other institutions or by special examination.

The Department of Library Science is making special efforts to correlate the graduate library science program at Kent State University with the undergraduate curricula in library science as offered in the State of Ohio and the Midwest.

O. L. T. A. Legislative Committee

Appointees to the Ohio Library Trustees Association Legislative Committee were announced by Robert J. Brown, President of the O. L. T. A.: chairman, James J. Weadock, Lima; Arthur W. Fiske, Cleveland; Roy G. Fitzgerald, Dayton; and Herbert M. Baker, Zanesville. The O. L. T. A. will meet with the O. L. A. Legislative Committee, headed by Robert Franklin, Toledo Public Library.

Ohio Constitutional Convention

The Citizens Committee on the Ohio Constitution has prepared a very helpful pamphlet of questions and answers designed to emphasize the importance of the question whether or not Ohio shall have a convention to revise the Constitution. The pamphlet "Does Ohio Need a Constitutional Convention?" takes no sides and is available at the Ohio Program Commission, 40 South Third Street, Columbus 15, Ohio.

Federal Relations Committee News

The Franklin County Library Association had a lively panel discussion of the Library Services Bills on Friday evening, February 29. Speakers were: Mrs. Evalan Hansel, Librarian, Logan Hocking County District Library; Professor Ervin Pollack, Law Librarian, College of Law, Ohio State University; Russell S. Dozer, Circulation Librarian, Ohio State University Library.

Professor Lewis C. Branscomb, Associate Director of the Ohio State University Libraries and Walter Brahm, State Librarian, took an active part in the discussion. The Association went on record unanimously in favor of library services legislation and is sending a copy of its resolution to some members of the Ohio delegation in Congress and to nonlibrary organizations which are vitally interested in the legislation.

OVER THE BACK FENCE

Formerly assistant librarian at Bowdoin College, *Edward C. Heintz,* takes up his duties as head librarian at Kenyon College. Other recent appointees include *Ruth Brenner* at Fostoria Public Library; *Mrs. Ralph Goodale* at Portage County District Library, Hiram; and *Mrs. Althea Ericson* at Leipsic Branch of Putnam County.

Springfield's Warder Public Library has two new heads; *Marjorie Hill,* librarian at Nelsonville Public Library, left April 1 to take over children's work; *Janet Berg* comes from Michigan to be head of Reference.

Mary Jensen replaces *Mrs. James Slaughter* as assistant to the children's librarian of Elyria. Mrs. Slaughter has resigned because of ill health. Other librarians resigning number *Elizabeth Hedenberg* from Greene County District Library, *Mary Cole* from Martins Ferry, and *Joan Harris* who is leaving New Philadelphia-Tuscarawas County District Library for Evanston, Illinois, as children's librarian.

Mrs. Frank Schlesinger is supervising Middlefield Branch in Chardon while *Bess Trumper,* a retired school principal, has accepted a temporary assignment as librarian at London Public Library.

Mrs. Madalyn Bradford of Huntington, West Virginia, has assumed the duties of Supervisor of Adult Services at Lane Public Library, Hamilton, Ohio.

Dan Pfoutz, head of Toledo's Technical Business Department, is off for Carnegie Public Library, Pittsburgh.

Using a woman's prerogative, *Mrs. Catherine Kessler* has decided to remain as Tipp City librarian.

THE SICK BAY

On January 4, *Mrs. Emma Mertz* suffered a heart attack while on duty at the Ada Public Library. *Mrs. John O. Runser* and *Janet Herrod* are carrying on until her return from the Lima Hospital.

FAMOUS FIRSTS

A world's first has been achieved by *Burton E. Stevenson.* He has been elected librarian of the Chillicothe Public Library for the 54th time.

THE WINNER

Inez Jane Williams brightened up a sick leave from the Columbus Public Library by winning a 1952 Ford sedan in a contest.

JUNIOR MEMBERS SECTION

Mary Alice Willett, librarian at Emerson Junior High School, Lakewood, is secretary-treasurer of the O. L. A.'s Junior Members Section.

BITS ABOUT OHIO LIBRARIES

BLUEPRINTS

Youngstown plans $97,000 remodeling job of its main library building. *Steubenville* will settle for a mezzanine stack and the removal of a number of partitions.

Mechanicsburg has the wherewithal for an addition designed to double its present building space and more than double its present book capacity.

EXCAVATING

Cincinnati's dream house is under way. Switch of the season are the surprisingly low contract bids which means Cincy will have the new stacks and elevators cut out by the November levy failure.

NEW QUARTERS

The Linden Branch of the *Columbus* Public Library moves into its new building, 2432 Cleveland Avenue, in April.

New University Branch of the *Cleveland Heights Public Library* opened its modernistic doors February 3. The building which cost $235,000 is very modern in design, concept and facilities with the latest in lighting devices, furniture and draperies.

Campbell Public Library, a branch of *Youngstown Public Library*, held open house to show off its new fluorescent lighting, its completely redecorated and rearranged shelving.

NEW BOOKMOBILE

Lorain Public Library has a new bookmobile to replace its old traveling library that covered some 87,150 miles of Lorain county roads.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY SCHOOL

The 1952 graduating class has 22 students, 18 of whom are interested in Ohio library vacancies; ten are registered in general, eight in children's, three in schools, and one in Science and Technical.

NEW PAMPHLET

Cleveland Public Library's pamphlet, for teen-agers, "Personality Patterns Through Books," is available for fifteen cents per copy.

GIFTS

Sidney Public Library receives an additional contribution of $19,125 from members of the Amos family. The money is to be added to the building fund created by the will of Mrs. Delia Amos Holbrook Smith.

Friends of the late W. S. Bixby presented *Akron Public Library* with a check for $1000 to be used to purchase books on sociology and welfare.

Youngstown Public Library receives $25,000 from Judge John W. Davis. The trustees decided to use the money to remodel the children's room which will be named the John W. Davis Room.

AWARD

Community Relations Award given to *Dayton Public Library* by the Frontiers Club.

CERAMICS LECTURE

Anne Van Kleeck, noted sculptor, lectured on ceramics at the *Mansfield Public Library*. An exhibit of her work was also on display.

AMERICAN HERITAGE PROGRAM

Akron Public Library features a four-month program on alternate weeks of public discussion meetings on "Our American Heritage."

ART EXHIBIT

Oils, water colors, wood carvings, and other art items created by the men and women of Troy were on display for the month of February.

Ohio Sesquicentennial Progress

Reports from headquarters indicate progress in the organization of 44 county committees for the Ohio Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1953. It is assumed that librarians will actively participate in these county plans and be a stimulus to the type of celebration which will call for all the local resources.

The Libraries Committee of the Ohio Sesquicentennial Commission has just published a bibliography on "The Ohio Country From Pre-Historic Times Through The Indian Wars, 1795." Will Collins, Columbus Public Library, Columbus 15, Ohio, is chairman of this committee.

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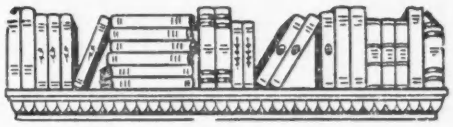

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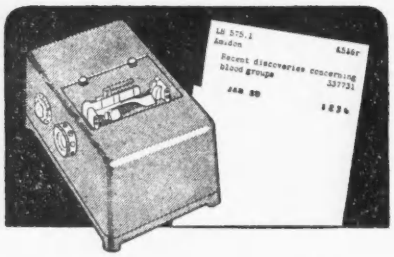

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District Meeting Time

Springtime is synonymous with district meeting time and calls for a concerted effort on the part of Ohio librarians to gather with their neighboring librarians at the regional meetings.

In behalf of all librarians throughout the State we wish to thank Mrs. Faith B. Stoughton, Librarian at Carnegie Free Public Library, Napoleon, and chairman of the Extension Committee, the hostesses, the program chairmen, and those responsible for planning and carrying out the five O. L. A. meetings.

Effie Lee Morris, Chairman of the Junior Members Sections, urges all Juniors to get together at the luncheons. There will be a Junior Hostess at each Meeting.

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